

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Board of Supervisors	(2) MEETING DATE 8/23/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Lynn Compton - 781-5450	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution reappointing Rita L. Neal as County Counsel. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors reappoint Rita L. Neal as County Counsel pursuant to Government Code section 27640, effective September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2020.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) County Counsel Budget	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT Salary \$204,152 plus benefits (Budgeted)	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT Salary \$204,152 plus benefits	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 6/19/2012	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Guy Savage			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Board of Supervisors / Lynn Compton, Chairperson - 781-5450

DATE: 8/23/2016

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution reappointing Rita L. Neal as County Counsel. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors reappoint Rita L. Neal as County Counsel pursuant to Government Code section 27640, effective September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2020.

DISCUSSION

The Board appointed Ms. Neal as County Counsel in September of 2012 pursuant to Government Code section 27640. Government Code section 27640 defines the Board of Supervisors as the appointing authority for the position of County Counsel. Individuals appointed to this position by the Board serve a renewable four year term in office.

The Board has reviewed the performance of Ms. Neal on an annual basis, the last review occurring on December 15, 2015. During her last evaluation, Ms. Neal discussed the accomplishments and work efforts of her office and the challenges and on-going projects for the future. She further talked about the goals and objectives for her office, the success of defending litigation filed against the County, the success in preventing litigation being filed against the County, and the continuous process improvement for providing timely, accurate, and reliable legal advice to the Board and all County departments. Further, the Board members meet with Ms. Neal on a regular basis, both in their offices and during closed sessions and she is very accessible and available to the Board. Given the quality of Ms. Neal's work since her appointment in 2012, it is recommended that she be reappointed as County Counsel for another four year term, effective September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2020.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

None

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The current costs of the position are allocated in the department's FY 2016-17 adopted budget. No new appropriations are requested or required to implement this action. The annual salary for County Counsel is \$204,152. Benefits for this position total \$104,434.

RESULTS

The results of the reappointment are that Rita L. Neal will serve as County Counsel for the County of San Luis Obispo through September 29, 2020.

This action will keep the Board in compliance with Government Code section 27641, will ensure that the Office of County Counsel is filled with an experienced and well-qualified individual, and will help promote a well governed community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Reappointing County Counsel